Welfare schemes for women and children in Assam

2045. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented for welfare of women and children in Assam;

(b) whether Government are implementing the above schemes through NGOs;

(c) if so, the details of the NGOs; and

(d) the details of the amount allotted, released and actually spent on implementation of the above scheme in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) (a) to (d) The following schemes of the Department of Women and Child Development are being implemented in Assam during the year 2004-05:

1. Integrated Child Development Services

2. Swayamsiddha

3. Swawlamban

4. Swadhar

5. Creche

6. Short Stay Homes

The Schemes of the Integrated Child Development Services and Swayamsidha are being implemented through the State Governments and other schemes are being implemented through NGOs. A sum of Rs. 7655.16 lakhs was released and a sum of Rs. 8880.68 lakhs was spent under the Integrated Child Development Services till 31.1.2005. A sum of Rs. 86.68 lakhs was released out of which Rs. 41.50 lakhs was spent under Swayamsidha.

Funds are released to the State Governments as per the requirement under the schematic norms.

A Statement showing the details of funds released NGO-wise in Assam is given in the Statement *(see* below).

Statement

Welfare Schemes for Women and Children in Assam during the year 2004-05

Rs. in lakhs

SIN	Details of NGO	Amount sanctioned	Amount Released
	Swawlamban (NORAD)		
1.	Gram Vikas Parishad, Nagaon ASSAM	1.78	1.78
2.	Sadau Asom Gramya Puthibharal, Nagaon, ASSAM	3.55	1.78
3.	Kuriha Unnayan Samiti, Barapeta, ASSAM	0.64	0.64
	SWADHAR		
1.	Roghrtook Club & Library, Ashalkandi, District Karimganj, ASSAM (at Nilambazar Block, ASSAM)	9.10	5.10
2.	Wodwichee, P.O. Lakshirbond, Distt& Block-Hailakandi-788155	9.10	5.10
	CRECHE		
1.	Assam State Council for Child Welfare	2.62	2.62
2.	Kolongpar Mohila Vikas Kendra, AT & PO-Ghanhi Bhatikuri, Distt. Nagaon, ASSAM	1.85	1.85
3.	Barnibari Yubak Sangha, Village & PO-Barnibari, Distt. Nalbari, ASSAM	4.62	4.62
4.	Bahumukhi Krishi Aru Samaj Kalyan Samiti, Noor Nagar, PO-Herapati, Via-Haibargaon, Distt. Nagaon, ASSAM	9.24	9.24

SI. No	Details of NGO	Amount sanctioned	Amount Released
5.	Dhulla Regional Physically Handicapped Association, AT & PO-Dhulla, Distt. Darrang, ASSAM	9.24	9.24
6.	Gram Vikas Parishad, Village-Rangaloo, PO-Jumarmur, Distt. Nagaon, Assam	9.24	9.24
7.	Bhartiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Thakkar Bapa Smarak Sadan, New Delhi. **Short Stay Homes**	11.83	11.83
1.	Bhartiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Thakkar Bapa Smarak Sadan, New Delhi.	3.68	3.68

Child marriage

2046. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 10 per cent girls in the country get married before attaining the age of 14, according to studies conducted by Population Council of India;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to impose ban on such underage marriages by educating the parents through Government agencies/NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir. As per the report of International Institute for Population Sciences, the percentage of currently married women in the age group of 25-29 got married by the age of 13 years is 12.1 and that the percentage of women in the age group of 20-24 has been dropped to 8.9 and in the age group of 15-19 to 4.7.

(b) The Government is taking all necessary steps to reduce the child marriages.